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which is:

- an [] Original; or
a [X] Continuation, [] Divisional, or [] Continuation-in-part (CIP)
of prior Application No. 10/179,747 filed June 24, 2002.
Anticipated Group/Art Unit: &@ or Class &@, Subclass &@.
[] This non-provisional patent application is based on Provisional Patent Application No.
&@, filed &@.

Enclosed are:

- [X] Specification (including Abstract) and claims: 46 pages.
[X] 25 sheets of drawings (formal).
[] Application Data Sheet.
[] Newly executed/unexecuted Declaration (original/copy).
[X] Copy of Declaration from prior application.
[] Separate Power of Attorney (including 37 CFR 3.73(b) statement, if applicable).
[] Microfiche computer program (Appendix).
[] Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission, including:
[] Computer readable copy [] Paper Copy [] Verified Statement.
[] Under PTO-1595 Cover Sheet, an assignment of the invention
[X] Name of Assignee: **Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.**
[X] Certified copy(ies) of Japanese Application No(s). Hei 08-191193 filed July 19,
1996 and Hei 09-53882 filed February 21, 1997 were filed:

herewith or in prior application no. 10/179,747 filed June 24, 2002.

- Applicant(s), by its/their undersigned attorney, claim(s) Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27 as an Independent Inventor, or a Small Business Concern, or a Non-Profit Organization.
- Preliminary Remarks.
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